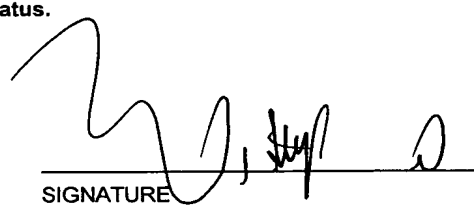


Substitute for Form PTO-1390		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 022702-153	
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				U.S. APPLICATION NO. 10/7582047 <small>Unknown, See 37 CFR 1.5)</small>	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR 2004/001681		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE JUNE 30, 2004		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED JULY 4, 2003	
TITLE OF INVENTION PRODUCTION OF PEARLS BASED ON EXPANDED POLYMERS (as amended)					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Jean-Francois ESTUR, Eric ROCHE and Jean-Francois BRIOIS					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission to items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.					
2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.					
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (22) indicated below.					
4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).					
5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))					
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).					
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.					
c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).					
6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))					
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))					
a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.					
c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.					
d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.					
8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).					
9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).					
10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).					
Items 11 to 21 below concern document(s) or information included:					
11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.					
12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.					
13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment.					
14. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.					
15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.					
16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.					
17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825.					
18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <u>Unexecuted Declaration; International Search Report corresponding to PCT/FR 2004/001681 issued on January 18, 2005 - 5 pages; 2 Sheets of Drawings; Forms PCT/IB/304 and 308 and cited references</u>					

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<p>21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: <u>RHODIA POLYAMIDE INTERMEDIATES</u> <u>AVENUE RAMBOZ</u> <u>BP 33</u> <u>E-69192 SAINT-FONS</u> <u>FRANCE</u></p> <p>22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="4">Basic Filing Fee (1631)</td> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: right;">\$ 300.00</td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Surcharge of \$130.00 (1617) for furnishing the oath or declaration later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">CLAIMS</td> <td style="text-align: center;">NUMBER FILED</td> <td style="text-align: center;">NUMBER EXTRA</td> <td style="text-align: center;">RATE</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Claims</td> <td style="text-align: center;">23</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-20 =</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: right;">x \$50.00 (1615)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent Claims</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-3 =</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: right;">x \$200.00 (1614)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">+ \$360.00 (1616)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Examination Fee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">+ \$200.00 (1633)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Search Fee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">+ \$400.00 (1632)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 400.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">App. Size Fee (add \$250.00 for each add'l 50 sheets exceeding 100 sheets)</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5" style="text-align: right;">TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1,050.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5"> <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. 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A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Charge _____ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</p> <p>Buchanan Ingersoll PC Including attorneys from Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis P.O. Box 1404 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404 (703) 836-6620</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;">  SIGNATURE _____ NAME NORMAN H. STEPNO _____ 22716 DECEMBER 23, 2005 REGISTRATION NO. 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